# SEARCH STRATEGY SHEET

## 1. Identify and develop your topic

What topic are you researching? State your topic in a complete sentence.

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What are the keywords (main concepts) from your topic sentence?

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What other synonyms (words that express the same idea) could be used for those keywords?

**Keyword:** ______________  **Keyword:** ______________  **Keyword:** ______________

**Synonym:** ______________  **Synonym:** ______________  **Synonym:** ______________

* Suggested Database(s) for your search:

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## 2. Create a Search Statement (How you search for results)

**Boolean Connectors terms (AND-OR-NOT) will help you construct a search for the computer to perform.**

**AND** is used to join words or phrases when both (or all) the terms must appear in the items you retrieve. **Example:** school violence AND students

**OR** is used to join related terms, thus broadening your search results. **Example:** high blood pressure OR hypertension

**NOT** is used to exclude words from your search results. **Example:** Women NOT Men